

Massachusetts Family Caregiver Support Program

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ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The Promoting Assistive Equipment Resource Manual

University of Massachusetts Boston Gerontology Institute

Web Site: www.geront.umb.edu/current/assistequip/reports/resourcemanual.pdf

This online resource manual is geared toward case managers of home care agencies to improve use of assistive devices. The manual includes: an overview of assistive equipment, suggestions on administrative and operational issues, guidelines for identifying potential candidates for assistive equipment, and assistive equipment legislation and resource information.

“Seniors in Motion” Program

Horizon Mobility, Inc.

One Riverfront Plaza, Suite 111

Lawrence, KS 66044

Phone: (800) 594-1225

Web Site: www.horizonmobility.com

The *Seniors in Motion* program of Massachusetts helps make motorized and manual wheelchairs, three and four wheel scooters and other medical items available to senior citizens (65+) and physically handicapped individuals. This equipment is often available at no- or low-cost to those who qualify. The program features in-home assessments by trained local rehabilitation specialists, and a hardship policy is in place to help those without a full funding source.

GRANTS

Brookdale Foundation

125 East 56th Street

New York, NY 10022

Phone: (212) 308-7355

Web Site: www.ewol.com/brookdale

The Brookdale Foundation has a Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) that began in 1996 and focuses on informal caregivers, e.g., those caring for related children outside of the formal foster care system. The program awards seed grants of \$10,000 over a two-year period to local and state agencies. As of June 2001, there were 84 local programs and 27 different state agencies that participate in the RAPP Network, providing extensive services to relative caregivers in 37 states. To apply for a Brookdale Foundation RAPP grant,

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contact them at the address or phone number above. Brookdale's requests for funding are available in the late fall and are due in the late winter.

Faith in Action

C/O Wake Forest University School of Medicine
The Bowman Gray Campus
Medical Center Blvd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1204
Phone: (336) 716-0101
Toll-Free: (877) 324-8411
Web Site: www.FIAVolunteers.org

This organization makes grants available to organizations that can demonstrate the participation of one or more faith-based denomination in the project.

POLICY ISSUES AND CAREGIVING

Family Caregiver Alliance--National Center on Caregiving

690 Market Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94104
Phone: (415) 434-3388
Toll Free: (800) 445-8106
E-mail: info@caregiver.org
Web Site: www.caregiver.org

The center serves as a central source of information and technical assistance on caregiving for policy makers, families, health and service providers and program developers.

Rosalyn Carter Institute for Human Development

Georgia Southwestern State University
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Americus, GA 31709
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Through research, education, and training, the RCI promotes the mental health and well being of individuals, families, and professional caregivers; promulgates effective caregiving practices; builds public awareness of caregiving needs; and advances public and social policies that enhance caring communities.